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2014

SCOUTING 500

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HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL

May 16-18, 2014

Get ready for one of the largest, most exciting Scouting events in the country!

Turn to page 7 to check out the lineup of activities for the inaugural Scouting 500
Jordan Richart . . . I Couldn’t Have Said It Better Myself

I always enjoy writing this column for each issue of Adventures in Scouting. Normally I am not at a loss on a topic to share. For this issue I had already written a different article several weeks ago. So I was good to go, the article was done.

That changed when I attended a Court of Honor on January 19 for Troop 601 — Saint Thomas More Catholic Church. As you might guess I have the opportunity to attend and participate in many Courts of Honor. Frankly, it is a great part of my responsibilities as your Scout Executive.

So would you like to know what caused me to “stop the presses” and rewrite this article? It was Eagle Scout Jordan Richart. Like many Eagle Courts of Honor, each of the five Eagle Scouts being recognized at Troop 601 had the opportunity to write a brief essay about their time in Scouting for the printed program. Without a doubt, Jordan’s essay was the best I had ever read about why a young man stays in Scouting. I guess it wouldn’t surprise you to know that Jordan is a senior in high school and wants to major in journalism at college. Enjoy Jordan’s comments and I would encourage you to share them with your Scouts.

“No one said the road to Eagle Scout would be an easy path to venture, and for good reason; it’s simple enough to begin, at a time when life is generally carefree and exempt from the inevitable periods of disinterest and despondency that pervade any long-term engagement. I would be lying if I said I saw the Scouting program as anything more than a convenient diversion that allowed me to spend more time with my friends when I joined the Cub Scouts. To be fair, I think most of my fellow Cub Scouts shared the same perception.

But that is not the mentality that a man possesses when he arrives at the final milestone of the Scouting program, Eagle. As the years passed, my outlook on the brotherhood of Scouts changed drastically. No longer did I see it as a self-serving outlet of simple amusement, but rather an institution that specializes in highlighting life’s most important features and then putting its aspiring participants within them. Scouting taught me how to be an upstanding member of the community, how to better myself both physically and mentally, and most importantly, how to live life to the fullest.

Which brings me back to my initial consideration — the road to attaining Eagle is not an easy one to walk. There were plenty of times when I felt like giving up; I felt as if I would never see the end of the Scouting trails, so why bother facing its intermediate challenges? But, as I said before, I hardened my mentality as the years went on. I was able to persevere, and I am a far better person for it, and the gratitude I feel as a result of reaching this point in my life is unparalleled. I have no regrets.

Yet, over the years, I watched numerous companions fail to shift their views of Scouting from being something more than a brief diversion of amusement. There were over a dozen of us who joined back in 1995—almost a decade ago. At this point, the path to Eagle was scuffed and marred by an untraceable impression of footprints. But as the years went on, one by one, footprints disappeared. The trail became less worn, and as a result, harder to walk upon. Rocks and weeds now dotted the path, causing frequent stumbles, but onward we walked. Here now, at the end of the path, the trampled dirt of long ago is replaced with lush, undisturbed grass. This is the trail’s end, a destination that most people will never see with their own eyes. Of my group of now high school seniors, only five of us made it to the end. We have made this journey together, but our footprints do not end at the path’s end. We now walk unguided, going our separate ways into the horizon, but we carry the values of Scouting with us wherever, whenever, we shall wander.”

If you ever wonder about the impact that Scouting can have on the life of a boy, ask Jordan Richart. As always if you have any questions, ideas or concerns let me know.

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COUNCIL CALENDAR
February
2 Scout Sunday
5 Council Day Camp Meeting
7-9 Area 5 Venturing Leadership Conference
8 Scout Sabbath
9 Council Venturing Forum
10 Bear Camp Online Registration Opens
12 Boy Scout Camp Payment Due
12 Council Camping Committee Meeting
12 University of Scouting Staff Meeting
15 OA Trading Post Service Project
17 Council Service Center Closed — President’s Day
19 Council Activities Committee Meeting
25 Council Membership Committee Meeting
25 Council Commissioner Meeting
25 SWD Committee Meeting
26 District Chairman Meeting
March
1 Commissioner College
1 MOS Tribal Council Recommendations Due
2 Eagle Scout Reception
3 Council Risk Management Committee Meeting
5 Council Day Camp Meeting
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11 Bartle Camp Leader Orientation — East
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22 Naish Mini Camp
25 SWD Committee Meeting
Council Hires New Hispanic Emphasis Executive

The Heart of America Council is excited to welcome Elisa Corry to the professional staff. Elisa joined the team this fall as the council’s Hispanic Emphasis Executive. The new council position was created to provide more Scouting opportunities to the Hispanic community in the Kansas City area. Elisa is originally from Provo, Utah and graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Recreation Management Youth Leadership. She previously served as a District Executive in the Trapper Trails Council in Northern Utah.

Elisa’s passion for Scouting comes from a strong Scouting family. Both of her brothers are Eagle Scouts and her parents are both Silver Beaver Award recipients. Elisa participated in Venturing and earned her Venturing Silver Award at the age of 16. She served on camp staff at Utah’s Scofield Frontier Base for 4 summers and attended the 2007 World Scout Jamboree in London, England.

Elisa is excited to continue her Scouting career with the Heart of America Council and will be a great asset to our Scout- ing family.

Welcome New Council Board Members

The Heart of America Council is fortunate to have an outstanding Board of Directors comprised of business and community leaders. We are pleased to welcome the following new 2014 board members.

- **Michael Rainen** — Chairman & CEO, Rainen Companies
- **Mark Larrabee** — President & CEO, Arvest Bank
- **Judge Patrick Campbell** — 16th Circuit Court, Jackson County
- **David Yeaman** — President, Aviation & Federal Division, Burns & McDonnell
- **David Ebbrecht** — Exec. VP & COO, Kansas City Southern
- **David Forsee** — President, Brookside Capital LLC

Jorgenson Named New Council President

The Heart of America Council is proud to announce the selection of Mark Jorgenson as the 2014 Council President. Mark is the Regional Chairman of US Bank and has been employed by US Bank and its predecessor banks in the Kansas City market since 1981.

Active in industry and community affairs, Mark has held officer and board positions for the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Area Development Corporation, The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, United Way of Greater Kansas City, Kansas Venture Capital, Inc., Midwest Research Institute, KU Hospital Authority, National World War I Museum, Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, Urban Neighborhood Initiative, Central Exchange, Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter March of Dimes, Entrepreneur Assistance Corporation, Milburn Golf and Country Club, and Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Mark is an Eagle Scout and member of the inaugural Ewing M. Kauffman Distinguished Eagle Scout Award class for notable contributions to the Kansas City community. He is also a Silver Beaver Award recipient. Mark and his wife Mary have four grown children; Katie, Ellen, Molly and David, who is also an Eagle Scout.

The Heart of America Council is looking forward to an exciting and successful year of Scouting under Mark’s leadership in 2014.
Go Festive!

Space is limited so reserve your spot today.

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Join more than 900 Eagle Scouts from the class of 2013 at the Terry Dunn Eagle Scout Class Reception on Sunday, March 2 at Municipal Music Hall. All 2013 Eagle Scouts in attendance will receive the limited edition “Challenge Coin” and will be included in the official class photo.

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VFW Scout of the Year Scholarships

Think you have what it takes to be named the Scout of the Year? The Veterans of Foreign Wars will recognize three individuals with scholarships this year in the amounts of $5,000, $3,000 and $1,000. Applicants must be Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, or Venturing Gold or Silver Award recipients.

HOW TO APPLY: Scouts should submit the completed VFW Scouting Scholarship form, resume of high school activities, Scouting record, community service record and letters of recommendation to a local VFW Post no later than March 1. Visit www.vfw.org/Community/Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship to download the official scholarship form or to learn more.

Find NEW ways to make Cub Scout memories!

NEW BLUE & GOLD PARTY CHOICES!
Each piece is decorated with classic Cub Scout™ colors and logo to coordinate with Cub Scout tableware.

1. 2-Pc. Lantern Kit— each lantern measures 11” round. Available early Sept. (May be used with string lights; not for use with candles.) 617163 $6.99

2. 7-Pc. Décor Kit— two honeycomb 9” balls, two honeycomb fans, two honeycomb centerpieces, and one paper garland. Available early Sept. 616959 $9.99


4. Cub Scout Table Cover— 108” x 54”. 618951 $6.99

5. Cake Picks— pkg. of 24. 616547 $4.99

6. 9” Plates— pkg. of 25. 613858 $5.99

7. 9-oz. Cups— pkg. of 50 614177 $6.99


Not Shown.

Table Centerpiece 32008 $4.99

Small Gift Bag 30522 $1.99

Large Gift Bag 30523 $2.99

7” Plates— pkg. of 25. 613859 $3.99

5” Napkins— pkg. of 50. 611583 $3.99

6½” Napkins— pkg. of 50. 611584 $4.99

KANSAS CITY SCOUT SHOP
New 2014 Store Hours
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tues/Thurs: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday: CLOSED
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2013 Top District Popcorn Sellers

It was another great year for popcorn in the Heart of America Council with sales topping $2.4-million in 2013. Congratulations to our top district sellers.

- **Big Muddy** Ethan Berning Pack 4324
- **Blue Elk** Cullen Hurla Pack 4692
- **Kaw** Thaddeus Thorne Pack 3165
- **Lone Bear** Jacob Houk Troop 1225
- **North Star** Nathan Zornes Pack 4444
- **Northern Tier** Beckett Dupriest Pack 3351
- **Pelathe** Noah Luke Pack 3013
- **Pioneer Trails** Andrew Heise Pack 4118
- **Red-Tailed Hawk** Scott DuBrow Troop 240
- **Thunderbird** Aidan Long Pack 4210
- **Trailhead** Nicholas Kost Pack 3088
- **Trails West** Jacob Riggs Pack 3101

All top district sellers were awarded a Kindle Fire HD.

In Memory of:

- Rodger Alleman
  Lorraine Alleman
- Kevin Babson
  Richard & Kathleen Fink
- Bill Boschert
  Kathryn Webster
- Bradley C Cook
  Daniel & Beth Ann Caprill
- Milton T “Ted” Cox
  Troop 145
- James Dedera
  Roxana Shells Class of ’84
- Andy Fordemwalt
  Florence Fordemwalt
- Joan “Joni” Paris Glenn
  Dawn Adams
- Kevin Kennedy
  G L & Carol Hoover
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  Mary Inman
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In Honor of:

- Terry Dunn
  Tri-State Industrial Group
- Easton Hain
  Ken & Carol Popken
- Zack Shafran
  Dean K Burford
- Loyd “Max” McCollom
  Celia Trusler

To remember a loved one or honor a friend, mail your check to Memorials & Tributes, Heart of America Council, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 414177, Kansas City, MO 64141-4177. For more information, contact Tammy Butterfield at (816) 569-4979.

In Finance News:

**Ever Wonder What Happens To That Leftover Popcorn?**

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**Trailhead Scout Claims 4th Consecutive Top Seller Title**

He’s done it again! Congratulations to Troop 256’s Nicholas Kost for nabbing his 4th consecutive top popcorn seller title. The 13-year-old Star Scout sold a whopping $6,107 worth of popcorn in 2013 to add to his impressive 4-year selling streak that has totaled more than $25,000 in sales!

So what about his commission? Nicholas has been able to pay his own way to summer camp with the profits. That includes being able to pay for both his parents to attend camp. He’s even saved up enough to cover his costs to attend the 2015 World Jamboree in Japan.

We asked Nicholas what makes him such a supersalesman. “Listen to my customers. Thank them. Don’t get discouraged. Knock on every door.” Great advice from a great salesman.

**2013 Top 10 Popcorn Selling Units**

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Scout Day at the K
Set For Opening Weekend

Join More than 10,000 Scouts at Kauffman Stadium

Sunday, April 6

Scout Day at the K is back and better than ever as part of MLB’s Opening Weekend on Sunday, April 6. This is your chance to catch the Royals’ first series of the 2014 season at Kauffman Stadium where they’ll take on the Chicago White Sox.

GAME TICKETS ONLY $7 if Registered by March 9

*Price includes commemorative 2014 Scout Day at the K patch and VIP access to the Outfield Experience (Ticket Cost Increases to $8 on March 10)

NEW IN 2014 — THE OUTFIELD EXPERIENCE

We’re taking the pre-game party inside Kauffman Stadium and taking over the K’s Outfield Experience.

Located in the outfield concourse area, the Outfield Experience includes activities like Sluggerrr’s Mini Golf, Base Run, Batting Cage, Pitching Mound, Little K, Hall of Fame and much more! All Scout Day at the K ticket holders will have VIP access to select Outfield Experience activities from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

*Scouts must purchase “tokens” from the Kansas City Royals to participate in Outfield Experience activities after 11:30 am.

REGISTER EARLY & WIN BIG

Buy your tickets early for your chance to win big. We’re giving away 14 great prizes that include Royals player autographed bats and baseballs, but you must be registered by March 9 to be entered in our drawing! Check out the official rules and regulations at www.hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k.

PRE-GAME SCOUT PARADE

Back by popular demand, we’re giving all Scouts the opportunity to be a part of our pre-game Scout parade. Scouts will be cheered on by thousands of fans as they make their way around the diamond. All parade participants must pre-register at www.hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k.

2014 SCOUTStrong Challenge

Saturday, September 13

Are you up to the challenge? Find out at the 2nd annual SCOUTStrong Challenge ½ Marathon and 5k on September 13, 2014.

Open to runners of all ages, this year’s challenging and scenic course starts at Sporting Park and will take you through some of Kansas City’s greatest venues all leading to the finish line on the track of the Kansas Speedway.

2014 CHALLENGE HIGHLIGHTS:

• Half Marathon Prize Purse
• Chip time, instant results
• Unique custom medal
• Certified course
• Custom Technical shirts for all runners
• Post-race party with food, beverages, and music
• Awards for top finishers in all age groups

Registration is now open. Visit www.scoutstrongchallenge.org for more information.

Sporting Kansas City Scout Night
Saturday, August 23 — Sporting Park

Cheer on 2013 MLS Cup Champion Sporting Kansas City as they take on D.C. United at Scout Night on Saturday, August 23. Tickets are only $20 (a $38 value). But act fast! This game will sell out and only 2,500 Scout Night tickets will be sold. Order tickets online today at www.hoac-bsa.org/scout-night.

RESERVE TICKETS BY JUNE 1 FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN GREAT SCOUT NIGHT PRIZES

Pre-order the official 2014 “rugby” Scout Night scarf. A Scout Night favorite, only 250 limited edition scarves will be sold and we will sell out! Scarves are $20 and only available online at www.hoac-bsa.org/scouting-kc.
By now you’ve probably put this year’s Scouting 500 on the calendar, but the questions is…have you registered yet? If not, now is the time! The inaugural Scouting 500, a race-themed weekend camping festival, promises to be one of the largest, most exciting Scouting events in the nation. We are thrilled to be partnering with Kansas Speedway to bring you an unparalleled Scouting experience no Scout will want to miss.

SCOUTING 500 Leader’s Guide
You may be asking yourself… How does this whole Scouting 500 event work? Get the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY on the Scouting 500 with our official Leader’s Guide. Available now at www.Scouting500.org.

Join Our SCOUTING 500 Mailing List
Get the inside scoop on everything Scouting 500. Simply go to www.Scouting500.org and submit your email address to receive our monthly e-newsletter.

SCOUTING 500
May 16-18, 2014 —
Kansas Speedway

Registration is now open for units. Simply go to www.Scouting500.org and select “Unit Registration”. From there select either the Camping Pass or Day Pass option.

- **Camping Pass** (2-nights camping, 4 meals, access to all activities)
  - $30 if registered by March 10/$40 if registered after March 10
- **Day Pass** (2 meals, access to all activities)
  - $25 if registered by March 10/$35 if registered after March 10

*PLEASE REGISTER AS A UNIT*

Scouting 500 Activity “Pit Stops”
Activities at the Scouting 500 will be organized into “Pit Stops.” 12 “Pit Stops” will make up our program areas and will include activities like:

- **Pit Stops**
  - Emergency Preparation
  - Military Experience
  - Outdoor Action and Adventure
  - High Adventure
  - Career Education
  - Community Service
  - Shooting Sports
  - STEM Exploration & Imagination
  - Motor Sports
  - Animal Kingdom & Outdoor Conservation
  - Midway
  - SCOUTStrong

3 DAYS — 2 NIGHTS — 1 EPIC EVENT

**Friday, May 16**
- **Arrive & Set-Up**
- **“Friday Night Lights” Infield Open House**
- **Activity “Pit Stops”** Select Programs Open

**Saturday, May 17**
- **Activity “Pit Stops”**
  - All Programs Open
- **Special Appearance By Miss Kansas—Theresa Vail**
- **Petty Driving Experience**
  - Special Racing Exhibition
- **Grand Finale**
  - Live Music & Fireworks

**Sunday, May 18**
- **Chapel**
  - All Faiths Services
- **Tear Down & Depart**

FEATURED ACTIVITY “PIT STOPS”
The Scouting 500 is no ordinary Scouting event. Get ready for some of the most extreme activities you’ve ever seen. Here’s a few of our featured “Pit Stops” headed to the Kansas Speedway.

**HIGH ADVENTURE**
Featured Activity: Mobile Zip Lines
Take adventure to new heights on our Mobile Zip Lines. Two participants at a time will climb our 35 foot towers. Riders will then jump off the tower for a free fall experience before zipping 100 feet. This is one high adventure everyone will be talking about.

**MOTOR SPORTS**
Featured Activity: High Performance Go Karts
Richard Petty Racing is ready to provide the ultimate driving experience. This is your chance to get behind the wheel of your own high performance Go Kart. Challenge yourself on our road course as your race towards the checkered flag.

**MIDWAY**
Featured Activity: Meltdown
Wipe Out has got nothing on us! Eight Scouts at a time try to stay perched atop their foam pedestal as they try to eliminate them. Duck under and jump over the spinning barricade. It’s a high participation game that is crazy fun to play, but just as fun to watch.

**SHOOTING SPORTS**
Featured Activity: Electronic Skeet Shooting
One of the coolest new games of the year is Electronic Skeet Shooting. Take aim at virtual clay pigeons with laser guns for an unbelievable skeet shooting experience. Full electronics and adjustable volume keep score and give immediate feedback of a hit or miss.

BUT WAIT...THERE’S MUCH MORE!!!
Check out the complete lineup of activities and our promotional videos at www.Scouting500.org.
Camp Staff Applications

2014 Camp Staff applications for the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservation can be completed online at www.hoac-bsa.org/camping-resources. We are still accepting applications for a number of staff positions.

2014 Boy Scout Camp Leader’s Orientation Meetings

**BARTLE**

- **Tuesday, March 11 (East)**
  Lee’s Summit Christian Church — 7:00 pm
  800 NE Tudor Rd, Lee’s Summit, MO

- **Wednesday, March 12 (North)**
  Kansas City Police Academy — 7:00 pm
  6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, MO

- **Thursday, March 13 (West)**
  Center of Grace — 7:00 pm
  520 S. Harrison, Olathe, KS

**NAISH**

- **Tuesday, March 11 (LDS Only)**
  Camp Naish Central Camp Dining Hall — 7:00 pm
  1100 Martinek Lane, Bonner Springs, KS

- **Wednesday, March 12**
  Camp Naish Central Camp Dining Hall — 7:00 pm
  1100 Martinek Lane, Bonner Springs, KS

**CAMP PAYMENTS**

Participant confirmation and billing statements for the 2014 camping season were sent January 15th to the primary unit contact. Half of the balance of your unit’s camp payment is due February 12. If your unit has not made this payment, please mail to: 10210 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131 or pay online at http://bartlepayment.kintera.org or http://naishpayment.kintera.org.

Camp Naish to Pilot ATV Program in 2014

A new ATV program is making its way to the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. Recently approved by the BSA, only a select few councils will be operating this new dynamic program and the Naish Reservation Staff is excited to introduce Scouts to an ATV experience in 2014.

Open to youth 14 and up, Scouts will experience the ultimate adrenaline rush as they ride across our professionally designed dirt course traversing the backwoods of the Reservation. A key component of the new program is safety. The new ATV program will be conducted under the approval of the BSA and all participants will follow a strict safety curriculum. Scouts will first learn how to safely operate their vehicle on a separate training course.

ATVs are not authorized for unit activities and this pilot program extends only to council-sponsored ATV use at Camp Naish. Be on the lookout for more information on this exciting new program this spring.

Mini Camps Are Back

Boy Scouts and Venturers…Here’s your chance to participate in activities ranging from shooting sports to COPE to Wilderness First Aid. Mini Camps are held at the Naish Scout Reservation and most programs are only $30. Fees cover all program supplies and lunch. Make your reservations at www.hoac-bsa.org/mini-camp-weekends.

**2014 Bartle Reservation Leadership**

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Spring Webelos “STEM” Weekend

**April 26-27 — Bartle Scout Reservation**

Webelos Scouts can now experience the fun of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. The spring Webelos “STEM” Weekend is open to all Scouts and their parent/guardian. The event will be held Saturday, April 26 — Sunday, April 27.

Participants will enjoy a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) themed program along with traditional camp favorites like BB guns, archery and slingshots. Additional programming includes an introduction to the Boy Scout program at the Bartle Scout Reservation and a Saturday night campfire with a special presentation by the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Cost per person is $25 and includes Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and event patch. Space is limited to the first 250 Scouts and 250 adults. Registration will only be accepted in adult/Scout pairs. Register today at www.hoac-bsa.org.

**2014 Skilled Trades Work Days**

We need your help to maintain our camp facilities. From painting to plumbing, no job is too big or too small to make sure our Scout Reservations are some of the best in the country. Go to www.hoac-bsa.org/maintenance-team to find the complete list of projects or to register.

**Bartle Skilled Trades Day — April 5**

**Naish Skilled Trades Day — September 27**
2014 OA Winter Banquet

On January 4, more than 380 Arrowmen gathered at the Uptown Theater to kick off the 75th anniversary of Tamegonit Lodge. Inside this classic theater, chapters showed off their successes during the past year and were treated to the unveiling of the new 75th anniversary lodge flap and new 75th anniversary apparel. The program detailed the history of the lodge and included the presentation of awards and recognitions from the past year. Congratulations to those that were recognized:

2013 Chapter of the Year
Nechoha Machque (Lone Bear District)

2013 Committee of the Year
Ceremony Team

2013 Largest Chapter
Membership Growth
Newo Pemsit (Kaw District)

2013 Largest Chapter
Brotherhood Conversion
Schiwapew Mos (Blue Elk District)

2013 Vigil Honor Members
Bill Bahnmaier
Kevin Bing
Dick Brown
Dan Buchman
Jim Bush
Hunter Chapman
James Cookinham
Jay Curless
Joe Dekat, Sr.
Sam Edwards
Jacob Fallman
Ryan Foley
Eriq Garcia
Mark Gilbert
Mike Hanus
Tyler Holcomb
Evan Johnson
Troy Johnson
Lorri Kearns
Clayton Kistner

Barry Loughridge
Ian Matches
Scott Medlock
Becky Miller
Parker Ogan
Nick Oprisu
Steven Ozaki
Patrick Parks
Aaron Prothe
Arlin Prothe
Isaac Remboldt
Eli Schnick
Don Studnicka
Michael Swearingen
Corey Terrell
Bruce Wagner
Spencer Weaver
Austin Weber
Michael Wienands
Brent Worley

2013 Founder’s Award Recipients
Cortland Bolles, Ellen McGurk, Chris Smith, Tom Ward

2014 Youth Officers:
Lodge Chief — Michael T.
Vice-Chief of Administration — Austin W.
Vice-Chief of Chapters — Ian M.
Vice-Chief of Inductions — Andrew R.
Vice-Chief of Program — Clayton K.
Secretary — Evan J.
Treasurer — Bryce M.

2014 Dues
Each member of the Order of the Arrow needs to pay his or her dues on a yearly basis. Dues for Tamegonit Lodge are only $10 per person. All dues should be paid no later than February 28, 2014. Unit packets were distributed in December. Your unit may collect dues from all its members and forward to the council office in a single payment or you can pay your dues individually online at http://oadues2014.kintera.org/.

OA Service Project
Join us on February 15 at the Naish Trading Post to help the lodge continue its service to camp by doing a pre-season inventory and cleaning of the Naish Trading Post before it opens in March. There’s no cost to help out and we’ll even feed you lunch that day. Sign-up at http://oaserviceproject.kintera.org/.

Unit Elections
Unit Elections should be well under way in every Boy Scout Troop and Varsity Team in the council. We encourage all units to complete their OA unit election by March 31 so that those youth elected and adults nominated have every opportunity to attend an Induction event in 2014. You can schedule your unit’s OA election through your Chapter Chief or his Chapter Election Team.

2014 Induction Schedule
April 25-27 — Spring Induction #1 @ Naish
May 9-11 — Spring Induction #2 @ Naish
June 4-5 — Summer Induction #1 @ Naish
June 11-12 — Summer Induction #2 @ Naish
August 15-17 — Fall Induction #1 @ Naish
September 5-7 – Fall Induction #2 @ Bartle

OA Induction Weekend at Bartle
For the first time in almost a decade, Tamegonit Lodge will hold an Induction weekend at Bartle. We are looking forward to offering an induction event to the troops in the southeastern area of the council. The lodge is excited to have the opportunity to provide service to Bartle Scout Reservation where many of our members spend their summers and weekends throughout their Scouting career. We are looking forward to a successful weekend and making this a permanent partnership.

Look for induction packets at your February Roundtable and online at www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities.

2014 Tribal Celebration
May 30 — June 1
The Tribe of Mic-O-Say has become an important part of the lives of over 75,000 Scouts and Scouters who have heard their names called to take the long and hazardous trail. The hills of Osceola are calling you back to celebrate Mic-O-Say’s Tribal Celebration May 30 — June 1, 2014. Register online today at www.hoac-bsa.org/mic-o-say-tribal-celebration.

2014 Tribal Celebration Fees
- 2013 Braves attend FREE
- Youth under 21 $25.00
- Adults $35.00
- $45.00 after May 11

OA NLS/NLATs
If you think this took place just a couple months ago, you’re right. The Central Region has adjusted their schedule and the National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar that are held in Parkville, MO will take place in April 2014. The lodge will continue to pay a portion of the youth and adult fees to this training. Register online at http://oanls-nlat.kintera.org/.

Section Conclave
This year, Tamegonit Lodge has the privilege of hosting the Section Conclave at Naish April 11-13. The theme is “The Fellowship of the Lodge” and you can look forward to ceremonies and dance competitions, shooting sports, quality training, inter-lodge competitions, and electing the new Section youth leadership. The lodge has a goal of bringing 400 OA members to Section Conclave.

To help make that happen, all youth (OA members under 21 years of age by April 13, 2014) who register for Section Conclave by Friday, March 14 at 5:00 pm will receive a free t-shirt as part of their paid registration!
**DAY CAMP — “Cubs in Space”**

**13 Different Locations — 1 Great Program**

Open to all Cub Scouts, including Kindergarten graduates, Day Camp is fun with a purpose close to home. Day Camp is held within your district and typically runs 4-5 days from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily.

Our 2014 Day Camp theme is “Cubs in Space.” Your Scouts will embark on an out of this world adventure experiencing everything from archery to arts & crafts.

Online registration for Day Camp is now available at http://daycamp.kintera.org. Register on or before March 19 to guarantee the early bird fee of $60.

**2014 Day Camp Fees**
- On or Before 3/19/14 — $60
- After 3/19/14 — $70
- At Camp — $75

For more details on Day Camp, session dates, fees, frequently asked questions and more, go to www.SCOUTCAMPING.org.

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**BEAR RESIDENT CAMP**

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation — Cub World**

Bear Camp is a 2-day outdoor adventure open to all Bears, or Cub Scouts entering the 3rd grade. Bear Camp is your son’s first chance to experience an overnight campout at a council Scout Reservation with a planned program for him to work on advancements, learn new skills and have fun. Your Scout will get to explore the Lost Mines, shoot BB guns, set sail for adventure at the Pirate Ship Water Park, defend a castle, build their own toolbox, and much more. There is no shortage of fun for your Bear this summer at Bear Camp. And since this is a one-on-one experience with your son, there are many opportunities for you as a parent to learn along with him.

**2014 Bear Camp Fees**
- On or Before 4/30/14 — $65.00
- After 4/30/14 — $75.00

Online registration for Bear Camp opens on February 10 at 8:00 am at http://bearcamp.kintera.org.

For more details on Bear Camp, session availability, fees, frequently asked questions and more, go to www.SCOUTCAMPING.org.

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**WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP**

**Theodore Naish Scout Reservation**

Webelos Camp is a 3-day outdoor adventure open to all Webelos Scouts entering the 4th or 5th grade. Separate programs are available for Webelos 1 and Webelos 2 Scouts.

**FIRST YEAR WEBELOS PROGRAM** includes activities that introduce Scouts to outdoor camping: Aquanaut, Archery, BB Guns, Craftsman, Naturalist, Outdoorsman, Readyman, Ultimate Belt Loop

**SECOND YEAR WEBELOS PROGRAM** is designed to help prepare older Webelos for their transition to Boy Scouts and Boy Scout Camping: Action Archery, Astronomy, BB Guns, Bouldering, Forester, Geologist, Rockets and Scientist

Online registration is now open at http://webeloscamp.kintera.org.

**2014 Webelos Camp Fees**
- On or Before 4/30/14 — $140.00
- After 4/30/14 — $150.00

For more details on Webelos Camp, session availability, fees, frequently asked questions and more, go to www.SCOUTCAMPING.org.

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**2014 CUB SCOUT CAMPING ADVENTURE GUIDES**

Get the inside scoop on summer camp 2014. Be sure to check your mailboxes for our new Cub Scout Camping Adventure Guides

**COMING FEBRUARY 2014**
**Council Venturers Embark on an International Adventure**

Heart of America Council Venturers Sarah Samms and Carrie Deitz are spending the year abroad serving Scouting. The duo were among 20 youth selected from around the world to work for the year at London’s Gilwell Park as a part of the International Staff.

During the year at Gilwell Park, Sarah and Carrie will be living with Scouts from around the world from places like Mexico, South Korea, Germany, Ecuador, Hong Kong, Italy, Kenya and the United Kingdom. The International Staff assists with programs and services at Gilwell Park for Scouts and the community of London. This unique venture is providing Sarah and Carrie the opportunity to live abroad, understand different cultures and be able to educate others about their culture. Although the International Staff provides assistance in staffing the Scouting program, the true benefit for all Scouts is to learn from and about other people from across the globe.

During their initial training, both have expanded their knowledge and skill level in rock climbing, archery, orienteering, low ropes course, first aid and other leadership skills in order to provide the best program possible to Scouts who attend the camp.

**UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

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Go to [www.hoac-bsa.org/international-scouting](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/international-scouting) for more information.

**VENVENTURING**

**2014 Venturing Recognition Banquet**

This year’s Venturing Recognition Banquet will be held on Friday, April 25 at 6:30 pm at Breakpoint Community Church in Overland Park, KS. We will recognize the accomplishments of Venturing for the past year in the Heart of America Council, honor the 2014 Venturing Leadership Award recipients and install the 2014-15 youth leadership of the Venturing Officers Association. Register online at [www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events).

**Venturing Leadership Award Nominations**

Nominations for the Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) must be submitted on or before March 1. Only youth are eligible to receive this award. Nomination forms are available online at [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/council-wide-venturing-events).

**Climbing Event at IBEX Rescheduled**

Join us on April 5-6 for climbing and overnight fun at IBEX Climbing Gym. All participants must be at least 13 years old and all participants under the age of 18 must complete an electronic waiver on the IBEX website to participate. The cost of the event is only $40. Register online at [http://VOAWinterEvent.kintera.org](http://VOAWinterEvent.kintera.org).
2014 Training Calendar

**Wood Badge**
September 5-7 & September 26-28
www.hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge

Wood Badge is training for adult leaders from all Scouting programs. It provides participants with firsthand knowledge regarding how teams develop and achieve excellence. Participants will enjoy a world-class learning experience that will strengthen their long-term commitment to Scouting and provide them with valuable leadership skills.

**NYLT (National Youth Leader Training)**
June 15-20 & June 16-21
www.hoac-bsa.org/youth-training

NYLT is an intense seven-day outdoor training experience for youth. The purpose is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program, share ideas and experiences with other Scouts, and to have fun!

**DOE (Den Leader Outdoor Experience)**
March 28-29
www.hoac-bsa.org/den-leader-outdoor-experience

The purpose of DOE is to help Cub Scout leaders become more aware of outdoor activities and help them use Cub Scout outdoor skills. Participants can choose the BALOO part of the course (sleep in a cabin with a bunk) or the Webelos Outdoor Leader part of the course (sleep in a tent).

**University of Scouting**
November 1
www.hoac-bsa.org/university-of-scouting

University of Scouting is an all-day learning experience for adult leaders from all Scouting programs. Courses cover a wide variety of subjects and include a number of hands-on demonstrations. University of Scouting gives you the tools to lead and succeed in Scouting.

Check out the complete training calendar at www.hoac-bsa.org/training

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Torch of Gold Recipients

The Heart of America Council is proud to recognize the 2014 Torch of Gold Award recipients for their service to Scouts with Disabilities.

- Niel Campbell (North Star)
- Charles Como (Big Muddy)
- Jay Curliss (Blue Elk)
- Marty Fahncke (Trails West)
- Deborah Friess (Blue Elk)
- Brock Gurnsey (Red-Tailed Hawk)
- John G. McBurney (Kaw)
- Ryan McHenry (Trailhead)
- Randy Meador (North Star)
- Weston Roth (Twin Rivers)
- Jim Simmons (Lone Bear)
- Michele Stillwell (Big Muddy)
- Bob Tannewald (Trailhead)
- Brian Turner (Twin Rivers)

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Missouri Catholic Scouter Religious Awards Reception

February 23, 2014 — 3:00 pm — St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Kansas City, MO

**2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**St. George Emblem**

This award is the highest honor awarded by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. It recognizes the recipient's outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

**2014 St. George Emblem Recipients:**
- Scott Baird
- Marilyn Beck
- Stephen Livingston

*Other awards presented at the annual event will include the Light of Christ Emblem, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, and John Bosco Award.

**Bronze Pelican Award**

The Bronze Pelican is a diocesan award presented to those who have given service to Catholic Scouting through the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients have shown awareness and concern for the spiritual development of youth.

**2014 Bronze Pelican Award Recipients:**
- Tim Castillo
- Wayne Feuerborn
- Joseph Mallon
- Mackenzie Mallon
- James Markey
- Genevieve Mehan
- Justin Stanley
- Chris Straub
- James Velghe
- Derek Ward
- Craig Watz
- John Wessling
- Scott Winfrey
Joe Scouter Reports on the 1930 Camp Osceola Experience
By Andy Dubill, Council Historian

Joe Scouter, an anonymous Scout who wrote articles for Kansas City newspapers at Camp Dan Sayre in 1929, miraculously surfaced again in 1930. Many believe that Joe Scouter was really Joe Scanlon, the publicity director for the council. His articles were a great way to ensure that apprehensive parents could learn about the fun their sons were having at camp. They also helped share the benefits of Scouting with the entire community.

Joe Scouter reported early in the first session in 1930 that the camp canteen was having a difficult time keeping up “with the requests for shoe polish and other implements of dolling up” for daily inspections. You can almost see the camper’s parents slapping themselves on the back and reassuring themselves that the boys were begging to do things at camp that they would hopefully continue to do when they returned home.

Early in the first camp session, Joe Scouter also wrote that “We have just finished buying the canteen out of soda pop, ice cream and candy. The Chief announced this noon that each Scout would be on his honor to purchase only 15 cents worth of treats per day.” A Scout could buy a lot of soda pop and sweets for fifteen cents in 1930. What more could a boy ask for during the great depression other than the great outdoors, super food, the companionship of his buddies and a canteen stocked with sweets! Many parents sent their boys to camp for the entire summer because it was less expensive than caring for them in the city.

If you have questions about Scouting history that would be good topics for future columns, email Andy Dubill at adubill@aol.com.

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17,945 Scouts attended a council CAMP

$127,506 provided in CAMPERSHIPS

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EAGLE SCOUTS: Where Are They Now?

Hamilton Lewis
Eagle Scout Class of 2004
Troop 53, Lawrence, KS

Occupation
Previsualization Artist
DreamWorks Animation

Growing up on a farm in Western Kansas, Hamilton Lewis was drawn to movies like Back to the Future, Star Wars, and 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. His passion for visual storytelling, along with a love for the great outdoors, led Hamilton to creating an informational video for his Eagle Scout project to aid new students at Lawrence Free State High School.

While earning a degree in Computer Animation and Digital Film from Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida, Hamilton created an animated short, Cadillac ’59, and was named a finalist for a 2009 Student Academy Award by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

Hamilton, now 27, has worked as a previsualization artist (cinematographer) at DreamWorks Animation for almost 5 years on animated blockbusters that include How to Train Your Dragon, Kung Fu Panda 2, Rise of the Guardians, and DreamWorks’ newest film, Mr. Peabody and Sherman, which will be released this March.

Hamilton has been hard at work for the past year and a half on DreamWorks’ next animated feature, Home, hitting theaters November 2014.

When he’s not making movies, Hamilton enjoys doing projects around his North Hollywood, California home. He also stays busy with activities like photography, playing saxophone in a big band, triathlon training, hiking, ultimate Frisbee, keeping up with his Boy Scout troop, and restoring his very own 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible.

Q: Why did you join Scouting?

Hamilton: My family had no history in Scouting when we lived in Western Kansas. My parents divorced and I moved to Lawrence with my mother and brother.

My next door neighbor had two boys that regularly attended Scouts. I’m forever in their debt because not only was it a great environment, but I also gained 10 honorary dads in the process.

Q: What does being an Eagle Scout mean to you?

Hamilton: It means being a responsible member of the community who gives back not only through community service and environmental conservation, but by supporting the ongoing legacy of Boy Scouting and by mentoring the next generation of Scouts. Scouting truly provides for a better tomorrow.

Q: What advice do you have for a Life Scout working to complete his Eagle?

Hamilton: Don’t wait until the last second. Spread the work out over several months so you’re not under the gun due to time constraints. More importantly, do something you’re passionate about. I knew I loved filmmaking and tied that into my Eagle project. Making that connection ensured that no matter what, I was always interested in going above and beyond to complete my project. This passion allows you to have the extra drive necessary to finish your project and help people at the same time.

Q: What Scouting skills have helped you most in your career?

Hamilton: Above all else, the Scout motto, “be prepared,” has always been a helpful reminder to be ready for anything. Think and plan ahead, because proper preparation prevents poor performance, as my mother always used to say. Directors and Producers are always amazed that not only do I have what they asked for in meetings or on the sound stage, but I also am prepared with what they didn’t know they needed.

Having Eagle Scout on my resume absolutely gave me a huge leg up while interviewing with major film studios such as Walt Disney Animation Studios, Liaka, Sony Pictures Imageworks, Rhythm & Hues, Pixar, and of course DreamWorks Animation.

Despite an extremely hectic schedule, Hamilton still finds time to connect with his troop back in Lawrence and actively promotes Scouting to friends and family members in California and back home in Kansas.

Do you know an Eagle Scout that would like to be featured in Adventures in Scouting? Contact Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978 or matt.armstrong@scouting.org.
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2014 Klondike Derby

Scouts and Scouters made their way to Edwin A. Pape Lake in Concordia this January for the 2014 Big Muddy Klondike Derby. The event was an excellent opportunity for Scouts to showcase their skills and know-how with challenges that ran the gamut from Scout to Eagle.

A special thanks to Rob Hemme for coordinating this winter wonderland. Also, many thanks go out to the volunteer staff and community donors who put on an excellent program!

Big Muddy District Dinner

*February 8 — 6:30 pm — $20*

The Big Muddy District Dinner will be hosted by the Lexington United Methodist Church on February 8. There will be a social gathering at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm and the presentation of awards and recognition of the 2013 Eagle Scout class of the Big Muddy District.

District Training

Please ensure that all leaders have their training and are up to date on their youth protection training. If you have any questions regarding your training, please contact Tammy Cockrum at trcockrum@yahoo.com.

Roundtable Reminder

The Big Muddy District Roundtable meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Lexington United Methodist Church. Please make sure your unit has someone there to pick up materials and relay information. Having that person make a report at the unit committee meeting is a great way for your unit to stay on top of upcoming events.

Notice to Leaders of Life Scouts

As the young men in your troop continue to climb the Trail to Eagle, please be reminded that Roundtable is their opportunity to get approval for their service project. Troy Stigall, the Big Muddy District Advancement Chair, will be available to meet with young men seeking project approval.

Want to be Featured in *Adventures in Scouting*?

We all have a great Scouting story to tell. If you have a great program or an outstanding youth in your program, send your story to Joe Beck at joseph.beck@scouting.org.
“Cubs in Space” — Day Camp 2014

Join us for a “Cubs in Space” Day Camp adventure July 7-11 at the American Legion Farm. Contact Marie Benz at marie.benz@aol.com to schedule a promotional presentation for your pack.

NEW in 2014! The pack with the highest percentage of Scouts registered for camp by March 19, who has a short unit promotional presentation, and who has a walking leader attend Walking Leader Training at the May Roundtable (5/1) will receive a pizza lunch for the pack during Day Camp!

Registration is due by March 19 for the $60 rate. The rate increases to $70 after March 19, so sign-up early to get the best deal. All newly registered Scouts are $60 regardless of age.

Questions? Contact Raymond Miller, Day Camp Director, at (816) 229-4897 or miller1556@sbcglobal.net.

Cubs Create Christmas Crafts

Coventry Estates Baptist Church in Independence hosted the annual Cub Scout Christmas Craft event in December. District troops, packs, crews, and members from the Girl Scouts helped staff the craft tables. Highlighting the event was an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

2013 District Award of Merit Recipients:

1310 Faith United Methodist Church  David Wildschutz  Scoutmaster
1692 American Legion Post 499  Cheryl Duncan  Committee Member
1228 Christ United Methodist Church  Jeffrey Grubb  Committee Member
1334 Good Shepherd Community of Christ  Dwight Fowler  Scoutmaster
1738 VFW Post 1738  Kevin Matson  Roundtable Commissioner

2013 Scouter’s Spirit and Silent Service Award Recipients:

4282 First Presbyterian Church  Scouter’s Spirit  Allison Verman  Committee Member
4604 St. Peter United Methodist Church  Scouter’s Spirit  Matt Calhoun  Asst. Den Leader
1266 Oak Grove Community of Christ Church  Scouter’s Spirit  Mark Simmons  Committee Member
4865 St. Mark’s Parents for Catholic Scouting  Scouter’s Spirit  April Hartman  Committee Member
4175 Timothy Lutheran Church  Scouter’s Spirit  Brian Carson  Cubmaster
1161 East Alton Community of Christ Church  Scouter’s Spirit  Mary Stoner  Committee Member
1201 Maywood Baptist Church  Scouter’s Spirit  Dennis Bell  Committee Member
1266 Oak Grove Community of Christ Church  Scouter’s Spirit  Theodore Myers  Committee Member
1692 American Legion Post 499  Scouter’s Spirit  Richard Gentry  Committee Member
1692 American Legion Post 499  Scouter’s Spirit  William Masland  Committee Member
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1228 Christ United Methodist Church  Scouter’s Spirit  Dennis Martin  Committee Member
1266 Oak Grove Community of Christ Church  Silent Service  Deanna Kampe  n/a
1201 Maywood Baptist Church  Silent Service  Stan Arnold  n/a
4604 St Peter United Methodist Church  Silent Service  Damian Miller  n/a
1161 East Alton Community of Christ Church  Silent Service  Pam Foster  n/a
1228 Christ United Methodist Church  Silent Service  Molly Hohnson  n/a
1266 Oak Grove Community of Christ Church  Silent Service  Theresa Simmons  n/a
Welcome Hospital Hill Explorers

A new medical Explorer Post began this past fall on Hospital Hill. Launched as a partnership between Children’s Mercy Hospital, Truman Medical Center, UMKC School of Pharmacy and Dentistry, and the West Central Missouri AHEC, students in the urban core now have the opportunity to attend monthly activities down on “the Hill”. Career programs include nursing, pediatrics, pharmacy, dentistry, chiropractic, and wellness and nutrition. The new post has more than 35 students enrolled. To learn more visit www.exploringkc.org.

Hallmark Explorers Capture Magic of Holiday Season

Hallmark Photography Explorers checked out the Plaza Lights for their annual field trip this December. The students were able to take photos with professional photographers and experiment with different lighting techniques. Here are some of their favorite photos.

Black & Veatch Explorers Visit K-State Nuclear Reactor

Explorers from Black & Veatch embarked on a unique tour this past November. The group made their way to Manhattan, KS to see the K-State nuclear reactor. Students began their tour with a general lecture that covered items such as the fission process, overviews of Pressurized Water Reactors (PWRs), Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs), and concluded with some practical applications of nuclear technology.

The students were then issued pocket dosimeters and taken to the reactor control room. Students were taken into the reactor bay and shown various items such as the operating reactor core, control rods, and cooling system. They also toured the control room where they were given a brief overview of reactor operations and shown the radiation monitoring systems. Visit www.exploringkc.org to learn more about the Black & Veatch Explorer Post.
29 Frontier Pinewood Derby, 8:00 am
General Motors Fairfax Plant,
3201 Fairfax TRFY, Kansas City, KS

District Pinewood Derby
The Frontier District Pinewood Derby is set for March 29 at the General Motors Fairfax Plant. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the race begins at 9:00 am. An estimated 300 Scouts are expected to participate. There will also be a silent auction and raffle with the proceeds going to help Frontier Scouts pay for summer camp. For more information contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.

Program Aides of the Month
We are pleased to recognize Bob Coates and Lamar Wilson as our program aides of the month. These Scout leaders have shown outstanding dedication, consistency, professionalism, and most importantly, have provided an exceptional program for our Scouts. Bob and Lamar both received a $25 gift card to Quick Trip. Thank you for everything you do for Scouting in the Frontier District!

Scouts Lend a Hand for the Holidays
Scouts from Pack 3511 did an outstanding job raising money to purchase Christmas gifts for patients at Children’s Mercy Hospital. The boys were excited to give gifts to the children who were not well enough to celebrate Christmas at home with their families. If there are any projects or opportunities within the community that you would like our Scouts to assist with, contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.

Frontier District Lock-In
The Frontier District will hold its Boy Scout Lock-In on Friday, February 7-8 at the Boys & Girls Club of Thornberry Unit. Camp site setup will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday and the event will conclude by 4:00 pm on Saturday. The lock-in is an opportunity for boys to start the Scouting year off with a fun event. Scouts can look forward to food, games and Scout activities that range from pioneering to earning their Cooking Merit Badge. Be on the lookout for more information at www.hoac-bsa.org/fron-tier. For inquiries contact Khary Floyd (816) 569-4965 or khary.floyd@scouting.org.

District Recognition Luncheon
Join us at the inaugural Frontier District Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, February 1. The event will recognize district volunteers and program aides for their service to Scouting. The luncheon will take place at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City, Thornberry Unit at 12:00 pm and will feature a BBQ meal. For more information contact Andrea Watts at (816)-569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.

WE WANT YOU!
Apply to be a Frontier Program Aide Today
Scoutreach Part-Time Job Opportunity

Job Description: Give leadership to the development and maintenance of quality Scouting programs located in underserved communities in accordance with the Boy Scouts of America’s Mission Statement. Programs will take place within Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas schools. The programs run after school from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Flexible hours. Pay starts at $9.00 per hour and can increase upon performance. A background check is required.

Qualifications: Must be over 18 years of age. Must have experience working within an urban environment and have an enthusiastic and supportive personality. Interested? Contact Andrea Watts at (816) 569-4947 or andrea.watts@scouting.org.
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

February

6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 405 Morse St., Bonner Springs, KS

13 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS

13 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
LDS Church, 8616 Haskell Ave., Kansas City, KS

21-23 Kaw District Klondike Derby
Kenneth Bernard Park, Lansing, KS

Please Welcome Our New District Commissioner

The Kaw District would like to send our congratulations to our new District Commissioner, Nils Erickson. Nils has been a very important part of the Kaw District serving as a Unit Commissioner and Training Chair. Nils has served and held almost every unit position from Cubmaster to Scoutmaster for both Pack 3165 and Troop 165 in Lansing, KS.

His term as District Commissioner started on January 1. For questions about the Kaw District’s Commissioner Staff or to find out how to become a Unit Commissioner, email Nils at Nils.erickson@us.army.mil.

Day Camp Early Bird Deadline Fast Approaching

Are you ready for the Kaw District “Cubs in Space” Day Camp? Our Day Camp Staff would like to remind you that the early bird deadline to register for $60 is March 19. After that the cost goes up to $70. The Kaw Day Camp will be held at Camp Naish June 2-6.

Register Today for Kaw’s Klondike Derby

Can you handle the cold temperatures? Be part of the Kaw District’s largest Boy Scout event, The Klondike Derby. This year’s event will be at Kenneth Bernard Park in Lansing, KS on February 20-22.

For more information contact Nils Erickson at nils.erickson@us.army.mil or download the leader’s guide at www.hoac-bsa.org/kaw.
LONE BEAR

Lone Bear Officers

- District Chair: Allen Huff (660) 351-0578
- District Commissioner: Richard Smart (417) 646-1366
- Activities Chair: Jon Cerda (660) 429-2747
- Advancement Chair: Denney Jefferson (660) 909-4944
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- Venturing Chair: Vacant
- District Director: David Riker (816) 569-4974
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2013 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

6,795 hours

2013 CAMPING

- Cub Scout Packs Camping: 88.2%
- Boy Scout Troops Camping: 88.0%

February

- Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- Lone Bear District Recognition Dinner, 6:00 pm
  Clinton Elks Lodge, 115 W Franklin St, Clinton, MO
- District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO
- Klondike Derby
  H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, Osceola, MO

March

- Roundtable, 7:00 pm
  Clinton Scout Building, 808 Augusta St., Clinton, MO

District Recognition Dinner

Come and join us as we recognize some of our outstanding adult volunteers in the Lone Bear District. The annual Lone Bear District Recognition Dinner will start with a gathering at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. We will be recognizing the District Award of Merit recipients, Silver Bear recipients, Lonely Bear recipients, and 2013 Eagle Scouts. Register at www.hoac-bsa.org/lone-bear-activities.

District Award of Merit Recipients
- Melinda Elmer — Troop and Pack 238 and District
- Bob Hale — Troop, Pack and Crew 400 and District

Silver Bear Recipients
- Chuck Barry — Troop 513
- Tom Hager — Troop 225 and District
- Kathy Noe — Troop 509 and District
- Dan Richner — Troop 404

Lonely Bear Recipients
- Angela Simmons
- Patricia Smart
- Torch of Gold
  Jim Simmons — Troop 400 and District

Warrensburg Eagle Scout Recognition

On February 2, the Warrensburg Central Committee for Scouting held its annual Eagle Scout Court of Honor. This year, 7 outstanding young men from the Warrensburg area received Scouting’s highest rank.

- Troop 19 — Joshua Raub
- Troop 400 — Joe Ward
- Troop 513 — Justin Dean, Daric Dixson, Thomas Hitchcock, Kyle Wittrock
- Troop 541 — Joshua Young

2014 Klondike Derby

Who? All Lone Bear Boy Scouts and Webelos II
What? Sled competitions...district campfire...songs and skits...team challenges...and MORE
Why? Great team activity...troop and team pride...FUN!

Some of the exciting events include archery, wild game cooking, Atomic pioneering, Trebuchet attack, stretcher race, emergency shelter, and more!

For more information contact Jon Cerda at gundogpro@gmail.com.

Lone Bear: 2013 Year in Review

Thank you to everyone in the Lone Bear District for another great year. Here are some highlights from 2013.

- Lone Bear was a Gold level district in 2013.
- 8.1% growth in Cub Scouts
- Even in Boy Scouts
- Overall membership growth of 2%
- 88.6% of Boy Scouts attended some form of summer camp or high adventure
- 79.8% of Cub Scouts attended some form of summer camp

This all could not have been possible without all of the dedicated volunteers in the Lone Bear District!
**2013 CAMPGROUND ACTIVITY REPORT**

- **Cub Scout Packs Camping: 100.0%**
- **Boy Scout Troops Camping: 92.2%**

### Morse Code vs Texting

Which is faster? Morse Code at normal speed or teenagers sending a text message? At the January Roundtable there was a competition between a computer sending out Morse Code at “standard” speed versus two Venturers typing the same message into their smart phones. The winner? The Venturers. One beat the Morse Code system by eight seconds. The other tied the Morse Code system.

**FACT:** More than six billion text messages are sent in the United States each day.

### 2014 “Cubs in Space” Day Camp

Time is counting down. Day Camp will be here before you know it. Here are some items that you need to know so that you can plan accordingly.

- Early bird sign up is **$60** per Scout.
- After 3/19/14, the cost goes up to $70.

Starting in January, packs should let the district know who their Walking Leaders will be. There needs to be at least two Walking Leaders per unit. Also, each pack is to provide at least two volunteers to help deliver the program. Boy Scouts (who are at least 14 years old) can fulfill this requirement.

The district is also looking for an energetic volunteer who has a truck and trailer and is willing to haul program material to and from camp. If you can help out, contact Jennifer Moyer, Day Camp Director, at (817) 915-2449 or jenmmoyer@gmail.com.

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### Scouters Honored as James E. West Fellows

At the January Roundtable, Devin Warrington and John Peter were awarded with the James E. West Fellow Award. This financial commitment to the Boy Scouts of America and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say helps ensure the continued success of the Scouting program.

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### District Pinewood Derby

On Saturday, February 8 the **FASTEST** Pinewood Derby racers from each unit in the North Star District will gather to see who takes the top prize...

**GRAND CHAMPION**

Racing will take place at Maple Woods Community College in the Campus Center — Arbor Room. The race day schedule is as follows:

- **Tigers** Check in at 8:00 am, racing begins at 9:00 am
- **Wolves** Check in at 9:30 am, racing begins at 10:30 am
- **Bears** Check in at 11:00 am, racing begins at 12:00 pm
- **Webelos I** Check in at 12:30 pm, racing begins at 1:30 pm
- **Webelos II** Check in at 2:00 pm, racing begins at 3:00 pm
- **Championships** Check in at 4:00 pm, racing begins at 5:00 pm

This is the 21st running of the North Star District Pinewood Derby! There will be fun skits and surprises during the event. There will also be a “Run What You Brung” track set-up, so everyone can race a car and earn a patch! Please encourage everyone in your pack to come and cheer on the racers.

For more information contact RaceMaster Sean McCombs at seanmac614@yahoo.com.

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### March

- **6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Kansas City, MO
- **11 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**
  Barry Christian Church, 1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO
- **13 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm**
  Barry Christian Church, 1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO

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Vacant

**Cub Scout Roundtable**
Vacant

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**District Commissioner**
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### February

- **6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  KCMO Police Training Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Kansas City, MO
- **8 District Pinewood Derby, 8:00 am**
  Maple Woods Community College, Kansas City, MO
- **11 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm**
  Barry Christian Church, 1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO
- **13 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:30 pm**
  Barry Christian Church, 1500 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO

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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America
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2013 Community Service Hours

2013 Camping
Cub Scout Packs Camping
Boy Scout Troops Camping

2013 Community Service Hours

20,745 hours

2013 Camping
Cub Scout Packs Camping
Boy Scout Troops Camping

Northern Tier

February

4 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Grace Christian Fellowship Church,
7230 Quivira Rd., Shawnee, KS
6 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS
6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS
Merit Badge Counselor Training, OA Chapter 13
Meeting, Eagle Book Review
8 Webelos on Wheels, 8:45 am
UMKC Dept. of Physics, Flarsheim Hall,
5110 Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, MO
8 Merit Badge Forum Session #1, 8:00 am
Westridge Middle School,
9300 Neiman Rd., Overland Park, KS
11 District Dinner, 5:45 pm
Old Shawnee Town Hall,
11501 W 57 St., Shawnee, KS

March

1 Commissioner College
Cerner Riverport Campus,
6711 NE Birmingham Rd., Kansas City, MO
4 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Grace Christian Fellowship Church,
7230 Quivira Rd., Shawnee, KS 66216
6 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS
6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS
Merit Badge Counselor Training, OA Chapter 13
Meeting, Eagle Book Review
8 Merit Badge Forum Session #2, 8:00 am
Westridge Middle School,
9300 Neiman Rd., Overland Park, KS
8 District Pinewood Derby, 9:00 am
Shawnee United Methodist Church,
10700 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS
20 Eagle Boards of Review, 6:30 pm
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,
7100 Hadley, Overland Park, KS

We would also like to recognize the following individuals who were selected by their peers to receive Outstanding Leader Awards for their selfless service to Scouting:

CATHI MAYNARD OUTSTANDING SCOUTER
Lisa Grimsley, Pack 3751

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT SCOUTER
Alan Clark, Troop 192
Mark Fix, Troop 351
Marshall Hollingsworth, Troop 123

OUTSTANDING COMMISSIONER
Ben Grimsley, Pack 3751
Harry Moyer, District
Dr. Richard Pope, District

OUTSTANDING CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE
William Ferreter, 3684/684/6684/2684
Ken Rossberg, 3162/162/2162

OUTSTANDING SCOUTMASTER
Tim Elliott, Troop 34
Myrl Wear, Troop 93

“Cubs in Space” Day Camp

Volunteer Information

Save the date for these important trainings! All meetings and trainings will be held at 7:00 pm in room 304 at Shawnee United Methodist Church.

• Pack Coordinator Meeting — March 26 — Coordinators only need to attend one date.
• Walking Leaders Meeting — May 14
• Staff Trainings — May 28 and June 8 — June 8 training at 3:00 pm at campsite

Day Camp is a week-long camp for Cub Scouts. This year’s “Cubs in Space” Day Camp will be held June 9-13 at Shawnee Riverfront Park. Register online by March 19 and pay the early bird fee of $60!

District Pinewood Derby Returns March 8

Start your engines! The top three finishers in your pack are invited to race head-to-head at the District Pinewood Derby in March. The race will be held at Shawnee UMC, with check-in on Friday from 6:00-8:00 pm. Cost is $12.00 per pack. All registrations must be received by Feb. 28!
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Camping Chair  
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District Director  
Randy Kidder (816) 569-4954

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February

6  District Recognition Dinner, 6:00 pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vermont, Lawrence, KS

19  Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, 6:30 pm  
Lawrence Country Club, Lawrence, KS

20  District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  
First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Pkwy, Lawrence, KS

March

6  District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

6  Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS

Investment in Character

Help ordinary kids become extraordinary adults, support the Family Investment in Character campaign. During the months of January, February and March, Keith Wood and his team of presenters will be visiting each pack, troop, team and crew in the district to conduct a brief presentation. These presentations explain how Scouting is funded and provide an opportunity for families to contribute.

Please welcome and support your Family campaign presenters as they do their crucial job. Our goal is to raise more than $32,000 for the annual Investment in Character campaign.

Save the Date — Spring Activities

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates. Watch for more information at Roundtables:

April 12  Scouting for Food
April 12  Scoutmaster Specific Training
April 26-27  ILOS/OWL
May 2-4  Graduate to Webelos Weekend (for Bears graduating to Webelos)
May 24  Bromelsick Memorial and Flag Retirement

“Cubs in Space” Day Camp

Phil Wrigley and Brian Workman will be serving as our Cub Scout Day Camp Director and Program Director. This year, their work will be supported by a Day Camp committee that includes Amy Isenberg, Christen Coble, Kathleen Gordon-Ross, Dave Ozaki and Scott Bush.

The committee is planning an exciting “Cubs in Space” Day Camp themed program to be held June 2-5 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Visit www.scoutcamping.org for more information. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Day Camp Staff contact Phil Wrigley at phillip.wrigley@gmail.com.

Scouting for Food — A Great Community Service

Scouting for Food is a long-standing tradition in the Pelathe District. This April will mark the 27th year that Scouts have conducted a one-day, district-wide drive to collect food from our neighbors which is donated to local food banks. In 2013, more than 10,000 food items were collected by Scouts on a single day.

Make plans now to participate as a pack, troop, team or crew. If you are in Lawrence, plan to have someone at the March Roundtable to re-confirm the area that you would like to cover. Plan to pick up your fliers and bags at the April Roundtable. Distribute the fliers to let your neighbors know about the project and then return on April 12 to collect food that is left at each house.

If you have questions about Scouting for Food, contact John Scott at (785) 542-3510 or john3scott@aol.com.
**March**

6 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Central United Methodist Church,  
5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO

6 Roundtable, 7:30 pm  
Central United Methodist Church,  
5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO

11 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm  
VFW Building,  
3400 Broadway Ave., Kansas City, MO

### 2014 Investment in Character Campaign

Preparations are being made for the upcoming 2014 Investment in Character campaign. Please look at your unit calendars for the best time to have a brief IIC presentation. Troop Court of Honors and Pack Blue and Gold Banquets are ideal opportunities to have a volunteer presenter visit. Your support allows us to provide better events and activities for our Scouts. To schedule a presentation, contact Mark McCasland our Family Chair at (816) 810-4044 or mccaslnd@swbell.net.

### 2014 Pioneer Trails District Dinner

Mark your calendar, the Pioneer Trails District Dinner will be held Saturday, February 8 at Colonial Presbyterian Church. The District Dinner is a time when all Pioneer Trails District leaders come together to review the accomplishments of the past year, recognize Eagle Scouts and honor award recipients — including District Award of Merit, “Of the Year,” Pioneer and Mad Drummer Awards. Visit the Pioneer Trails District website for registration information [www.hoac-bsa.org/pioneer-trails-activities](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/pioneer-trails-activities).

Fellowship starts at 6:00 pm and the dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. Cost is $20.00 per person.

### Welcome Pioneer Trails New District Executive

I am very excited to work in Pioneer Trails with all the great volunteers we have in the district. I recently served as one of three professionals in the North Star District and look forward to the challenge and opportunity of a single man district. I have a wonderful family, my wife, Alison and three children; Maddie, 10 years old, Paul, 6 years old and Eleanor, 3 years old. My children attend the Smithville Primary and Upper Elementary and Alison works for Target Insurance Brokerage in Olathe. We spend most of the time chasing the kids around from one activity to another including Girl Scouts and this year Cub Scouts with my son.

Niel Campbell  
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Red-Tailed Hawk District Information

**Red-Tailed Hawk Officers**

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- **Camping Chair**: Tom Matches (913) 897-1636
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- **Venturing Chair**: Josh Wandtke (913) 764-8413
- **Wood Badge/NYLT Chair**: Karen Eichorst (913) 498-2167
- **District Director**: Jon Geiger (816) 569-4932
- **District Executive**: Elisa Corry (816) 569-4966

**2013 Community Service Hours**

- **17,070 Hours**

**2013 Camping**

- **Cub Scout Packs Camping**
- **Boy Scout Troops Camping**

**February**

1. **Annual Recognition Banquet, 6:00 pm**
   - Ritz Charles, 9000 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS
2. **Venturing Leader Specific Training, 8:30 am**
   - Olathe Baptist Church, 2024 E 151 St., Olathe, KS
3. **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
   - Olathe Community of Christ, 15520 S Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS
4. **OA Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project Reviews**
5. **Merit Badge Forum (Session #3), 1:00 pm**
   - California Trail Middle School, 13775 W 133 St., Olathe, KS

**March**

6. **Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
   - Olathe Community of Christ, 15520 S Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS
7. **OA Chapter Meeting, Eagle Scout Project Reviews**
8. **District Pinewood Derby, 10:00 am**
   - Great Mall of the Great Plains, 20700 W 151st St., Olathe, KS
9. **District Meeting, 7:00 pm**
   - Colonial Presbyterian, 12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS
10. **Eagle Boards of Review, 7:00 pm**
    - Colonial Presbyterian, 12501 W 137 St., Overland Park, KS

**Webelos Woods 2014**

**April 5-6**

Save the date for Webelos Woods, an exciting camping experience for Bears and Webelos I. There will be a number of activities Saturday night along with a campfire. Scouts will sleep in their own tents and awake to a hardy breakfast and depart. Look for more information at www.hoac-bsa.org/red-tailed-hawk.

**Day of Community Service — Save the Date**

April 12 will be a special day of service for all units in the Red-Tailed Hawk District. We will spend the day working on a variety of projects to help the Olathe Parks and Recreation Department. Per our tradition, we will be cleaning the Indian Creek Trail and Stream as well as area parks. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department will be developing a list of projects that we can complete to enhance the community.

**Possible projects include:**
- Building a shed for a new farmers market location
- Painting park equipment
- Cleaning trash and debris from Indian Creek and Trail
- And more! We anticipate 30 different projects in total

This will be a fun and meaningful day of service where we give back to the communities where we live. We have asked all units to reserve April 19 as a rain date. Sign-ups will begin at the February Roundtable, so leaders are encouraged to secure unit participation agreements in advance. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis.

**RTH Day Camp 2014 “Cubs in Space”**

June 16-20 — Old Lake Olathe Golf Course

It’s time once again to start planning for Day Camp. This year’s “Cubs in Space” theme promises to be an out-of-this-world experience.

This year we are moving things up a month so that your camp experience will be better. The first step is for you to have someone assigned as your pack’s coordinator. This individual will attend training at the February Roundtable. We have a lot of changes this year to make attendance easier on the pack, so please make sure your coordinator attends training. One specific change in 2014 is the pricing structure. The early-bird rate (through March 19) will be $60 per Scout.

Now is the time to begin talking with your Pack about this summer’s “trip to outer-space!” We hope to see you at the Red-Tailed Hawk District Day Camp in June. For more information contact RTH Day Camp Director, Mike Domer, at mike@kansasrio.com or (816) 853-5610.
**March**

4 **District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
Aldergate United Methodist Church,
350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee's Summit, MO

4 **Roundtable, 7:30 pm**
Aldergate United Methodist Church,
350 SW 150 Hwy, Lee's Summit, MO

11 **District Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**
Grace United Methodist Church,
2400 SE 50 Hwy, Lee's Summit, MO

**It's Never too Late to Become a Scout**

**RECRUITMENT SUCCESS STORIES**

**TYLER'S STORY**

Tyler Koehn attended a couple of Cub Scout meetings when he was Tiger age, but because of family issues he did not continue in the program. His grandfather, Eagle Scout John Owen, Runner Great Shining Silver Rock, put Scouting in the back of his mind while growing up. When he turned 14, friends Austin, Tanner and Corey talked him into joining Troop 550 in Raytown. Tyler became committed to earning his Eagle. In addition to competing in metals competitions in industrial arts and being a guard on the Raytown South Cardinals, Tyler completed the requirements for Eagle Scout before reaching the age of 18. In that time, he also earned the respect of his fellow Scouts by being elected Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 550. During camp at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in the summer of 2013, he was elevated to Warrior Shadow of Shining Silver Rock. His plans are to attend the University of Missouri, perhaps with assistance from the Army.

**ALEC'S STORY**

Alec Basso, also of Raytown South High School, joined Troop 550 at the age of 17. He saw the fun his friends were having in Scouts and wanted to join. Scoutmaster Tony Mesa knew it would be a challenge to keep Alec focused since it would be impossible time wise for him to reach Eagle. Mesa did encourage Alec to attend camp during the summer of 2013. He was able to advance to First Class during camp, but because of his older age, chose not to be recognized in the dining hall as the camp’s “oldest Tenderfoot.”

Alec explains, “Scouting offers many opportunities to help me along in life.” He turned 18 in August of 2013 and continues to be registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 550. He also plans to attend Bartle this summer as a full time adult. His future plans are to attend community college and become a firefighter. He would like to stay in Scouting and be able to help the younger Scouts.

Troop 550’s Scoutmaster Tony Mesa would like to encourage other units to recruit boys older than 14 to their troops. “You have to approach it a different way than you would with Webelos crossing over. You have to recruit where they are.” He suggests serving as color guard at middle school and high school games. Tony is very enthused about recruiting older boys into Scouting and will talk to anyone who will listen to him. Tyler and Alec each joined Scouts at an age that is normally overlooked when recruiting.
**District Information**

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**February Events**

- **6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm**
  Emmanuel Baptist Church,
  10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

- **6 District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Emmanuel Baptist Church,
  10100 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

- **11 District Dinner, 6:00 pm**
  KU Edwards Campus-Best Conference Center,
  12604 Quivira, Overland Park, KS

- **13 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**
  Prosperity Advisory Group Board Room,
  10955 Lowell Ave., Overland Park, KS

**March Events**

- **1 Commissioner College**
  Cerner Riverport Campus,
  6711 NE Birmingham Rd., Kansas City, MO

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For the most updated information, or to find if there have been any changes to the event schedule visit [www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead).

**Cub Scout Day Camp: “Cubs in Space”**

Escape to space this year at Trailhead Day Camp!

- Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts
- First week of June
- Cub Scouts will get to participate in activities such as shooting sports, crafts, games, and much more!
- Look for more information at [www.SCOUTCAMP-ING.org](http://www.SCOUTCAMP-ING.org)
- Registrations for early bird payments are due at the March Roundtable

**2014 Investment in Character Campaign**

Help support what you believe in and keep Scouting affordable and available to everyone. If you haven't already, please make sure that your unit is signed up for an Investment in Character presentation. Presentations should be scheduled at either your Troop Court of Honor or Pack Blue and Gold Banquet. Units that reach their Investment in Character goal will receive free rank advancement for the next year! If you would like to make a contribution online go to [www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-friends-of-scouting](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/trailhead-friends-of-scouting) or contact John McCabe at john.mccabe@hallmark.com.

**Merit Badge Forum**

The 2014 Merit Badge Forum was a huge success with scouts earning merit badges in everything from first aid to emergency preparedness. Event chair, Brian Rorie, did a great job in organizing this big event. Thank you!

**New Scuba Venturing Crew 2020**

Trailhead is now offering a new program that allows youth between the ages of 14-20 to become scuba certified and travel on dive trips locally, nationally, and internationally. Trailhead’s newest venturing crew is chartered out of Midwest Aquatics, which provides a state of the art aquatics facility and Scout priced equipment rentals and purchases. Contact Jim Leeper for more information at jim@leepermetal.com.
The 2014 Merit Badge Forum “Merit Badges at Home”

The Trails West Merit Badge Forum is set for February 22 and March 29. Both sessions will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Santa Fe Trail Middle School and focus on Merit Badges around the home. Subject offerings include: Architecture, Citizenship in the Community, Cooking, Electricity, Electronics, Energy, Family Life, Fire Safety, Gardening, Home Repairs, Landscape Architecture, Painting, Personal Management, Plumbing, Safety, Sustainability, Textile and Woodwork. Instructors are needed. Questions? Contact Ellen McGurk at edmcurk@kc.surewest.net or (913) 780-1577.

March

6 Roundtable, 7:00 pm  
Holy Trinity Quigley Center,  
9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS

11 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Price Chopper, 19601 W 101 St., Lenexa, KS

19 District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Sunflower Elementary,  
8955 Loiret Blvd., Lenexa, KS

29 Merit Badge Forum (Day 2), 8:00 am  
Santa Fe Trail Middle School,  
1100 N. Ridgeview, Olathe, KS

Klondike Winter Event

The 2nd annual Trails West Klondike Winter Event was held January 31 to February 1 at Camp Naish. The event featured the always popular Klondike Derby. Special thanks to Matt Bacon for chairing this year’s event.

Investment in Character 2014

The 2014 Investment in Character Campaign is officially underway. Our goal is to have 100% of the units in the Trails West District participate in this important program that benefits the Heart of America Council and the programs offered to youth in our community. If you have not scheduled your presentation, please contact Jason Bledsoe at (816) 569-4984 or jason.bledsoe@scouting.org with the date that a presentation can be made to your unit. Thank you to all the units that have scheduled and have had a presentation already in 2014.

2014 Summer Camp Preview

Now is the time to start thinking about summer camping opportunities. The Trails West District “Cubs in Space” Day Camp will be held June 9-12 at

the Lake Olathe Golf Course. And don’t forget about Bear, Webelos and Boy Scout resident camping this summer. Check out www.scoutcamping.org for more information.
TWIN RIVERS

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2013 Community Service Hours

7,578 hours

2013 Camping

Cub Scout Packs Camping
Boy Scout Troops Camping

February

4 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Whistle Stop Café, 901 6th St., Osawatomie, KS

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First Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Peoria St., Paola, KS

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Announcement

The Annual District Business Meeting was held on January 7. At the meeting, the district officers and members-at-large were elected. We are pleased to announce that Doug Furnell was reelected as the Twin Rivers District Chairman. For the complete list of 2014 District Officers, visit http://www.hoac-bsa.org/twin-rivers-district-leadership.

District leadership is elected annually at the annual business meeting for one year renewable terms. The district committee serves the district as volunteers at great personal sacrifice, often in addition to responsibilities in their home units. The Scouts and Scouters of the Twin Rivers District owe a debt of gratitude for the service rendered by all who have served in the past, who now serve, and who will serve in the future.

Recharter Reminder

Annual unit recharters for 2014 were due no later than January 31. If your unit has yet to complete the recharter process, contact John Hobb at john.hobbs@scouting.org.

2014 District Dinner

The 2014 District Dinner was held on January 25 at Town Square in Paola, KS. The event was a huge success recognizing the achievements and accomplishments of many dedicated district leaders. This year’s dinner took on a “Racing” theme to mirror the upcoming “Scouting 500”. We were also honored to have several special guests. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Dan Buchman, Kelly Daggett and Brock Guernsey for organizing the event.

Investment in Character 2014

The 2014 Investment in Character campaign is in full swing and we are working diligently toward our goal. This year our Family goal is $15,000 and our Community goal is $14,000 for a total goal of $29,000. If you have yet to schedule your 2014 Investment in Character presentation, please email John Hobb at john.hobbs@scouting.org. We look forward to a successful 2014 campaign!

Year Round Membership Plan

As in 2013, this year we are continuing to focus our efforts on a year-round youth membership recruitment plan. This plan starts with each of you in the Twin Rivers District. Now is the time to have recruiting drives as a Pack, Troop or Crew. Please work with District Commissioner Brock Guernsey and your Unit Commissioner to assist you in your events. Also use them as a resource for possible best ideas and plans. Contact Brock with questions at bggalggenalogy@sbcglobal.net.

2013 POPCORN SALE: Thanks to everyone who helped make this year’s sale one of the best yet!
Soaring Above

Eagle Scouts young and old will soon gather to continue a Kansas City Scouting tradition.

2013 Terry Dunn
EAGLE SCOUT
Class Reception
Sunday, March 2, 2014
Municipal Music Hall

Turn to page 4 to find out how you can be a part of this historic event.

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